

## F.A. Cup replay slaughter by Southern League stars

# TWO STAGE LESSON FOR THE WANDERERS AT UNDERHILL

Barnet 3, Wycombe W. 0

**BARNET** played their notorious Underhill slope to perfection on Tuesday evening, shredding Wycombe Wanderers with a brand of uninhibited football that never let the Isthmian pacesetters into this F.A. Cup fourth qualifying round replay.

Rarely can Wanderers have had so little to say, yet so much to do. Captained magnificently by ex-Arsenal wing-half, Gerry Ward, the Southern Leaguers kicked downhill in the first half, and set a ridiculous pace.

### EIGHTS, NINES...

Wycombe's back division, regarded as one of the best-drilled in amateur football, were soon at "sixes" and "sevens", and sometimes even, "eights" and "nines".

They were dissected time and again by Barnet's quickfire raids, which often came via long, wingward passes, offering both home wingers, Adrian Thorne in particular, excellent scope.

Perhaps the lack of cup-tied spearhead, Keith Searle (a former Barnet goal-grabber), had prevented Wanderers from clinching the trip to Walton for the first round proper, on Satur-

day. Yet, his presence would have made small difference at Underhill.

Wycombe's attack, when in action, failed to copy the unhesitant shooting of their Barnet counterparts. Tony Horseman (like his other two colleagues with injury doubts, Stephenson and Rundle), part fit, but made little headway.

Neither wingmen, Len Worley or Geoff Anthony, produced anything to worry the home back row, while Viv Busby, after once again taking on and beating centre-half Ben Embery, at first, was soon to be lost in the shambles.

### NO LAILEY

With Julian Lailey (playing for Oxford University on Tuesday afternoon) replaced at the last minute by Dave Thomas, Wycombe began under a minor disruption.

Barry Baker laid well back in anticipation of Barnet's initial

onslaught, but the absence of any mid-field guidance was disruption enough under the circumstances.

### FIRST CRACK

Billy Meadows was first to crack the Wanderers in the 15th minute.

He had fired the ball just too high after three minutes and took another shot at goal in the tenth minute.

But, while Wycombe faced an impossible uphill struggle, he finally scored with try number three, when John Maskell covered, but only half held a splintering cross from Ricky George, and Meadows darted in to plant the ball home.

Within minutes Wanderers were backtracking to give away a series of corners. They found every high cross—and Barnet sent over many—coming at twice the normal speed, and, with the home side running yards faster down the slope, it could have been far worse than a mere goal deficit by half-time.

Instead, although they had not yet even got in the game, Wycombe's chances were still alive at the interval. From now on they had the advantage of the slope, and it looked a question of whether Barnet had burnt too much out of them in the first 45 minutes.

### GREAT PROMPTINGS

The Southern Leaguers, benefiting enormously once again by the promptings of Gerry Ward, had proved themselves the fitter squad in the second period at Loakes Park. But the question of fitness became superfluous.

A penetrating uphill through pass from Ward put Colin Powell clear and Maskell in a hopeless position. The 'keeper, with no defenders to cover him, advanced to narrow the angle, but the gap left was too enormous for Powell to do anything but make it 2-0.

By feeding Thorne via long, out-

wards crosses, Barnet couldn't go wrong. Maskell saved a neck high Eason shot, after 64 minutes, but another goal was inevitable.

Eleven minutes later, two Barnet forwards were put clear in much the same way Powell had been, this time from a pass by Powell himself, following a breakaway movement after one of Wycombe's few corners.

Maskell came out as a defiant gesture, but once more the result was unquestionable; Eason side-footed the ball in.

The damage now done, Ward came off after being troubled all half by a knee injury, and was replaced by Tony Gregory. The wing-half received well deserved acclaim for the grand role he had played in the Wanderers' humbling.

But Barnet were not finished yet. Worley offered a rare shot on Wycombe's behalf, yet George had last say with a dangerous stabbing kick that Maskell swallowed up with a quick save.

Official attendance: 2,956.

Barnet: J. McLelland; J. Lye, P. Jenkins; G. Ward (sub: A. Gregory); B. Embery, B. King; C. Powell, R. George, B. Meadows, L. Eason, A. Thorne.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; I. Rundle, C. Gale; K. Stephenson, J. Delaney, D. Thomas; L. Worley, B. Baker, V. Busby, A. Horseman, G. Anthony. Sub: V. Faulkner.